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STEPHEN D. COAN STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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Uxbridge Fire Chief Named Deputy State Fire Marshal

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan announced that Uxbridge Fire Chief Peter J. Ostroskey has been appointed deputy state fire marshal at the state Department of Fire Services. The deputy state fire marshal is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the agency that includes an administrative division, the Mass. Firefighting Academy, the Division of Fire Safety, the Hazardous Materials Response Program, a Special Operations division, and State Police fire investigators and bomb squad members.

Coan said, "Chief Ostroskey has the right combination of fire service and state agency management experience that make him the ideal candidate for this position." Chief Ostroskey has thirty years of experience in the fire service, rising through the ranks from private to chief the last eight years. Previously he was the deputy director of the Statewide Emergency Telecommunication Board now known as the State 9-1-1 Department.

Chief Ostroskey said, "I have greatly enjoyed serving the citizens of Uxbridge and working with the dedicated members of the fire department and town government. However, I am looking forward to this is exciting opportunity to continue to serve both the public and the Massachusetts fire service."

Chief Paul Zbikowski, President of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts, said, "Peter is an excellent choice for this position. The members of the association are looking forward to working with him in his new assignment."